

Marcus has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Marcus has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Marcus has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Marcus Dawayne Wilson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, due to technical difficulties, I was unable to cast my vote on January 22, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 44.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I was unable to make votes due to arriving late to D.C. on January 22, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 44; and YEA on Roll Call No. 45.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM 2018 NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the University of Bridgeport women's soccer team following their 2018 NCAA Division II Championship win.

After a successful season, including winning the East Coast Conference Championship tournament, the team made history with their first NCAA Division II National Championship appearance. The team was seeded third in the tournament and defeated the number one ranked team, the previously undefeated Grand Valley State University. The 1-0 win came after a previous 6-0 loss to Grand Valley State in September, showing the true growth and determination that the team embodied.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing everyone who made this championship win a reality; the coaches, Magnus Nilerud, Jack Abelson, Jonathan Macadam, and Andre Lindsay who devoted countless hours developing these athletes into the winning team they became; and the players—Jennifer Wendelius, Mikayla Duhaime, Rebecca Niblett, Annie Bjork, Shyla Murray,

Amanda Ebbesson, Sara Berglund, Rebekka Skaasheim, Nara DaCosta, Maegen Doyle, Carolina Rico, Alyssa Samson, Andrea Jozefczyk, Baylee Houston, Anisha Hill, Cailin Alcock, Eleonore Freby, Lara Heather, Karin Oberg, Eva Maria Becerra, Abigail Befford, Elin Eklund, Anne-Marie Fjeld, Andrea Basilicato, Valentina Florez, Sloane Hugges, Manu Costa, Marieke Kramer, Karoline Vieira, and Annelise Jennings—who represent the University of Bridgeport with pride.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE TODD RICHARDSON

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable Todd Richardson on being named the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year. I had the honor of serving alongside Todd in the Missouri State House and have grown to admire and respect him dearly.

Todd became Speaker of the Missouri House in 2015, leading the chamber and state during a tumultuous time. He passed sweeping tax reform legislation, making Missouri more competitive economically. He also passed historic legislation protecting the unborn and Missourians' 2nd Amendment rights, while overseeing a rewrite of harassment policies in Missouri's Capitol. All of these accomplishments were done while carrying himself with dignity and integrity, garnering the utmost respect from members on both sides of the aisle. Todd was the right person in the right position at the right time to lead our state through some significant times of uncertainty.

Todd was recently selected by Governor Parsons to be the Director of MO HealthNet. He is already making an imprint by leading an effort to root out fraud and prevent waste while providing accessible, quality healthcare to all Missourians.

Todd is a man of great character, who sought for his tenure in the Missouri State House to be consistent with his moral and personal values, or as he put it "to be the same person when I leave as I was when I arrived." And Madam Speaker, he has done just that. On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri, it is my great privilege to recognize a true gentleman from Butler County, Todd Richardson.

HONORING THOMAS LOYD AND JANE PANSING BROWN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas Loyd and Jane Pansing Brown on earning the Northlanders of the Year Award from the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Tom and Jane have been exemplary and historic community members for the Kansas City Northland and their achievements cannot be overstated. Tom has not only served as a

Clay County Commissioner and Chairman of the Missouri Lottery Commission, but also for 30 years at Saint Luke's North Hospital, most recently as Chairman of the Board. Tom has also served on boards for the Mid-America Regional Council, Tri-County Mental Health, and Synergy Services, among others, while also advocating for the Northland within Congress as a member of my staff for the past 13 years.

Jane has also left her mark on the Northland community. As a young attorney, Jane was barred from the courtroom due to her pregnancy. By the time Jane was pregnant with their third child, Jane was serving as the first female judge in Clay County history. She served on the North Kansas City School Board, an organization she remains involved with, but most notably has served as an assistant United States Attorney since 2002. Her work for the Department of Justice includes a year as the Assistant Program Director at the National Advocacy Center, responsible for planning the continuing legal education classes for all 13,000 federal prosecutors and Department of Justice staff.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, their three children, four grandchildren, and many friends and colleagues in commending Thomas Loyd and Jane Pansing Brown for their accomplishments and for their efforts put forth in bettering the Northland.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor from Tuesday, January 22 through the first vote series on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 due to flight cancellations from heavy snow in Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have supported the passage of all bills and resolutions considered on the floor. In particular, I strongly supported the passage of H.R. 676, the NATO Support Act. NATO has been a critical organization in protecting the rules-based international world order that was created by the U.S. and its allies after WWII, and it deserves the full support of the U.S.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF PABLO NARVAIZ, JR.

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Pablo Narvaiz, Jr., a Victoria native and Vietnam War Marine Corps veteran who was active in serving his community.

Pablo Narvaiz, Jr., born on October 27, 1948, in Beeville, Texas passed away on January 17, 2019, at the age of 70.

Narvaiz, Jr., was an active member of the Catholic War Veterans Post 1269 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4146. With a true servant's heart, he spread joy and happiness to many children throughout the years as Santa Claus at the Catholic War Veterans Annual Christmas Event.